

SNOWSTORM BALKS PLAN OF ENTENTE IN FLANDERS

Forces Haig To Halt His Attacks Upon the Retreating German Armies To the East and South of the Arras Sector

FIERCE ARTILLERY DUELS BETWEEN FRENCH AND TEUTON

American Flag Makes Its First Appearance Upon the Western Front When Canadian Troops Follow It Into the Battle

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 12.—Fighting, save for savage artillery duels from Saint Quentin to Rheims, came to an abrupt halt on the western front yesterday, when a heavy snow storm made it impossible for the foe to distinguish each other, and forced the aviators to seek shelter.

The snow played into the hands of the German generals and made it impossible for the British commander to keep up his furious pounding of the German lines. Farther to the south in the neighborhood of Saint Quentin, and from there to the vicinity of Rheims the weather permitted the artillery to continue its work and the bombardment is reported as having been tremendous on both sides.

The resistance of the Germans north of Saint Quentin had grown somewhat more stubborn before the coming of the snow and the temporary stoppage of the fighting, but despite this General Haig's men had battered their way forward for important gains.

The sensation of the day in the Arras sector was the appearance for the first time of the Stars and Stripes on the battle line. Here the famous American contingent which has been fighting with the Canadian troops since the first year of the war, and known as the Lafayette Flying Squadron, was given permission to adopt the American army uniform and to fight the Germans under their own flag. As a consequence they supported the attack of the Canadian troops upon the Vimy ridge, in the American uniform and with the Stars and Stripes flying.

The flag was carried into the fight by a gigantic Texan who has won a reputation for bravery with the Canadian troops. He was wounded in the fight and was taken immediately to the military hospital.

The battle which has been raging east of Arras is declared by German and Entente military authorities as one of the crucial conflicts of the war to date.

East of Rheims the French and German artillery duels are reported as raging as far east as the Champagne country, but without infantry attacks to follow.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING WORD

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)
PARIS, April 12.—Although Spanish ministers and consuls have taken over the interests of the German Empire at a number of the belligerent capitals, despatches from Madrid report today that a Spanish merchantman, the steamship Fulgencia, has been sunk without warning by a German submarine. German submarines have sunk Spanish vessels before, but the Fulgencia is the first to be torpedoed without warning. The Spanish government is reported to have addressed a vigorous protest to Berlin.

ARGENTINE ABOUT TO DECLARE FOR UNITED STATES

Reports From Buenos Aires Indicate That Nation Intends Issuing Statement Upholding Action of Washington; Brazil Breaks Off Relations

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Brazil has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, and this is taken here to mean that she is preparing for a declaration of war upon Prussiaism, or expects that Berlin will forestall her and declare war in retaliation for the breaking off of diplomatic relations. The Brazilian minister at Berlin has demanded his passports, and will leave today, via Switzerland, for home.

Buenos Aires reports that the government of Argentina has definitely reached the determination to issue no neutrality announcement, but will come out flatfooted with a statement upholding the position of the government in Washington in declaring war upon Germany.

It is believed here that this will almost certainly lead to a formal declaration of war against the South American republics by Berlin.

The feeling against Prussia is growing stronger throughout South America and Latin America, according to reports from the southern continent, and it is believed that the action of Brazil will be followed by other South American countries within a short time.

TESTIMONY "FIXED" CRY OF ATTORNEYS

Lawyers For T. J. Mooney Declare Oxman's Evidence At Trial Was False

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Attorneys for Thomas J. Mooney, labor leader and convicted of complicity in the plot by which a number of persons met their death during the great preparation parade last June, yesterday sprung a mine under the prosecution by impeaching the testimony of Frances C. Oxman, a cattleman of Durkee, Oregon, the chief witness against Mooney in his trial.

The counsel for Mooney declared that the entire evidence given by Oxman about the most sensational evidence given in all the sensational trial of the labor leader—was fixed by the prosecution with the deliberate intent of "railroading Mooney" to his death.

They announced furthermore that their proof was of such a nature as to enable them to ask for the immediate arrest of the Oregon cattleman, and that they will do so at once.

Oxman's testimony which was given Friday, January 26, last, during the trial of Mooney, came as a distinct surprise to the defense, and knocked to flinders the carefully built up case of Mooney's lawyers. The cattleman declared under oath that he had been standing at the fatal corner of Steuart and Market Streets shortly before the explosion, and had seen Mooney and Warren K. Billings, also convicted of complicity in the bomb plot, get out of a machine and carry the famous suit case through the crowd that was waiting for the procession to pass. His testimony stood up under the pounding of the attorneys for the defense at the time it was given, but now it is declared that it was "fixed."

BOARD OF CONTROL GOVERNS RAILROADS

Five Men Selected By Biggest Lines To Manage Transportation of Nation

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Five men, chosen by the staff executives of the great railroads, are to take charge, it is officially announced, of the entire 255,000 miles of railway within the boundaries of the nation, for the duration of the war.

First suggested by the war defense council summoned by the President, and approved at the White House, this plan was transmitted to the railroad executives and received their immediate endorsement.

The board of five will be in absolute control of movements of troops, freight, munitions, equipment and traffic in general, constituting a national operating department, working in close harmony with the general staff, but having large powers of discretion, as experts in their line, as to how the desires of the government shall be effectuated.

SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY

The fame of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is world wide. It is good for the deep seated cough of the adult or the croup and whooping cough of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.

ENTENTE SENDING COMMISSION HERE

Evidently Attaching Great and Immediate Importance To American Assistance

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—From the personnel of the commission which Great Britain and France, it is announced, shortly will send to confer with President Wilson and his staff here, it is deduced that the Allies attach greatest and most immediate importance to the part America will play in stifling submarine warfare.

For the British, Arthur J. Balfour, former premier and now first lord of the admiralty, will head the delegation, and for France, Admiral de Chair, lately in command of the French submarine flotilla, and an authority of high repute on naval strategy.

England, however, is also sending the governor of the Bank of England, to arrange for financial cooperation, and General William Throsby Bridges, chief of the general staff before the outbreak of the war, who will acquaint the American staff with the military plans, hopes and needs of the Allies on land.

PEOPLE OF PARIS WELCOME AMERICA

President Poincare Participates In Monster Demonstration Over Entry Into War

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

PARIS, April 12.—President Poincare head of the French Republic, led in the huge demonstration given here to celebrate the entry of the United States into the war with Germany. Great crowds gathered in the streets, and for the first time in thirty months of war, Paris looked like her former self.

Americans in Paris were feted and the appearance of American consular or diplomatic officials in the streets was a signal for minor demonstrations. Elaborate programs were given in many of the famous public buildings, under the auspices of the government or of semi-official bodies.

GERMAN CONSPIRACY ON COAST IS BALKED

Secret Service Men Unearth Plot Against Munitions Plant

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

SAN DIEGO, April 12.—Close on the heels of the disastrous explosion in the great munitions plant at Eddystone, Pennsylvania, a German plot to destroy the works of the Hercules Powder Company at National City, two miles south of here, and to wreck the newly built dye factory at Chula Vista, six miles south of this city, was narrowly frustrated yesterday by United States secret service men. Warrants for the arrest of several employees of the powder plant will be asked.

GREAT NORTHERN TO GO ON COAST ROUTE

Despatches From Mainland Confirm Reports Received Here

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The Hill liner Great Northern will be placed on the San Francisco-Flavel, Oregon, run after her present voyage to Hawaii, it was announced today.

This despatch confirms the announcement made by the local agents some days ago that the Great Northern would not make the last of her scheduled trips to the Islands this year. This was printed in The Advertiser last Monday morning.

MANY BIDS FILED FOR SEA-GOING SUBMARINES

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Bids for thirty four sea-going submarines of eight hundred tons each were received at the navy department today.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)
PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, April 12.—The state senate yesterday passed a bill granting the vote to the women of Rhode Island in selection of presidential electors.

MEXICAN SOURCES REPORT DIVERS NOW IN PACIFIC

Arrival In Nogales, Claiming To Have Seen German Submarine In the Gulf of California Causes Authorities To Send Out Warning To All Ships

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—An official warning that there may be one or more German submarines operating in the Pacific was sent out yesterday by Lieut. Comdr. E. C. Woods, U. S. N., retired, of the Twelfth Naval District. This warning has been sent out broadcast by wireless in order that every ship at sea may receive notification and that the captains may keep a close look out for and take precautions against submarines.

A report from Nogales, Mexico, states that an arrival there, claiming to be a member of the crew of the Mexican gunboat Guerrero, reports that the commander of a German submarine, then in the Gulf of California, recently boarded the gunboat and conferred for some time with its captain.

The Mexican officials at Nogales fail to confirm the story of the man, either as to his connection with the gunboat Guerrero or as to the truth of his statement.

RUSSIAN JEWS TO BE GIVEN LONG-DESIRED FREEDOM

Age-Old Restrictions Upon Them Have Been Removed At Last By The New Liberal Government Now In Control of the Affairs At the Slav Capital

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Russian embassy here announced last night that the Russian liberal authorities, now in control of affairs in the Slav capital, have formally removed all of the age-old restrictions that have for generations ground down the Jews in Russia, and that the people of that race shall in future enjoy the same rights and privileges that the Russian population are to have.

Among the first of the restrictions to be removed was the one which forbade the Jews of the United States from visiting their friends and relatives in Russia, and from now on, such visits can be made, subject of course to the customary passport regulations in force with all European nations.

These regulations were foreshadowed some days ago, in despatches from Petrograd to the mainland paper. At that time it was stated that the new Russian government had removed all restrictions against the entry of the Jews into the higher colleges and universities of Russia.

SOCIALISTS ATTACK DECLARATION OF WAR

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

ST. LOUIS, April 12.—A majority report of the national Socialist convention, in session here today, attacks the policy of the administration and the declaration by congress of war on Germany as a move in the interests of capitalists who hope to profit by strife and the restrictions, which, the convention says, war will impose on liberal institutions.

ALL SPECULATION IN EGGS AND BUTTER OFF

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

CHICAGO, April 11.—Speculation in butter and eggs will be abolished as a "patriotic duty," men in the provision business here declared today.

CHINA MAIL COMPANY PURCHASES CONGRESS

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The China Mail Steamship Company officials here last night formally announced the purchase of the coastwise steamer Congress, which was run ashore some months ago, with the flames bursting from her hull. The price paid for the wrecked steamer is said to have been one million dollars and the company is reported to be planning to spend an additional \$800,000 for repairs and alterations.

HOOVER NOW HEADS FOOD COMMISSION

Man Who Fed Belgians Will Take Over Work of Distribution In America

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 12.—Herbert C. Hoover has accepted the chairmanship of the new food board of the United States, which will have charge of the distribution problems of food supplies during the war between his country and Germany.

This announcement was made formally last night. Mr. Hoover has for more than two years been head of the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium, and has made a world wide reputation for himself by the splendid work of organization he carried on. During that time he has had the distribution of millions of dollars worth of food and vital supplies for the millions in the Hun-ravished nations.

Mr. Hoover in announcing that he had accepted the chairmanship of the American commission, also announced that he has commenced the task of setting on foot a wide inquiry concerning the food situation abroad.

Under the conditions, added Mr. Hoover, he believes that it is the first duty of his country to see to it that ample streams of food and other supplies are kept moving forward for the use of the Entente Allies from the United States. He urged the stopping of all waste as a national duty, which the people of the United States owe to themselves and to their allies, even to the extent of deprivation where necessary.

The board of which Mr. Hoover is to be the head will begin work immediately to devise some practical method for reducing the present prices of essential foods, and maintaining the reduced price both at home and abroad.

BLOODY RIOTING IN MACEDONIA NOW

German Troops In Sofia Called Out To Crush Revolt of the Bulgarians

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 12.—A despatch from French headquarters on the Macedonian front to the Reuter Telegram Company, via Salonika, reports that bloody rioting has broken out in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria and in other Bulgarian cities and towns.

The information gathered by the French intelligence department is to the effect that the disorders at Sofia were so threatening that German cavalry was ordered to charge the rioters. Many Bulgarian civilians were ridden down by the mounted troops, and there is a long list of casualties from sabre wounds.

ONLY ONE BID FILED ON HARBOR WORK JOB

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

When bids were opened in the office of the United States army engineer, Hawaiian department, yesterday morning, for the work of straightening Honolulu harbor channel, and construction of the Kahului west breakwater, the Hawaiian Dredging Company was the only bidder to put in an appearance.

This firm's bid for the local work was twenty-nine cents a cubic yard on dredging on the Waikiki side of the harbor channel, in soft coral, 55,000 cubic yards; \$1.49 a cubic yard for dredging 15,000 yards of hard coral on the Ewa side, and \$1.99 a yard for dredging 5000 yards at the side of the old marine railway.

Bidding \$2.10 a ton for rock, the Kahului Railway Company was the only bidder for the Kahului west breakwater. As the contract calls for 80,000 tons of rock this job will cost the government \$180,600.

Neglecting Your Health?

When everybody lived outdoors kidney diseases were unknown. Lungs, skin and kidneys worked together to keep the blood fresh and pure. Nowadays the thinkers, the writers, the store and office employees, the housewives and other indoor workers get too little fresh air, exercise, rest and sleep. The kidneys weaken. Backache, headache, nervousness, rheumatism and urinary disorders become daily trials. Bright's disease, Don't delay. Use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50c a box (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., or Benson-Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.—Advertisement.

DEGENERATE FIEND RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF SCORES

Investigation Shows That Demon In Human Guise Deliberately Set Bomb Which Caused Explosion In Russian Munitions Plant At Eddystone

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

CHESTER, Pennsylvania, April 11.—Late today it was established that 116 people, mostly women and girls, have lost their lives in the explosion that wrecked the Russian munitions plant at Eddystone yesterday. They were munitions workers, and 125 others were injured.

Many corpses were hurled more than 100 yards away by the force of the explosion, there being 30,000 shells in the plant at the time.

A high official declared this afternoon that the explosion was the result of "a diabolical plot conceived in the degenerate mind of a demon in human guise."

He said investigation showed that a bomb manufactured from a shell by an employee in the plant caused the disaster.

LOCAL INVESTORS CLAMORING FOR ARREST OF HART

A victim of his own game, Lionel R. A. Hart, former Honolulu broker, is now in the Orient leaving behind him here a large circle of patrons clamoring for his arrest and approximately \$64,000 which they claim belongs to them. Whether Hart has any of their actual cash or not probably cannot be determined until the tangle he is said to have created in the books of Stoneham & Co., a brokerage firm in New York, is straightened out.

Hart's shortages are said by A. E. Lloyd, Stoneham's new agent, to reach into the thousands. Several Honolulu victims are said to have been totally cleaned out. One man is quoted as stating he lost \$15,000 to the broker.

Lloyd, who returned from the mainland on the last Great Northern, is now the agent for the Stoneham company, starting in on a new deal, and he stated yesterday that he was convinced that the company was about to assume all the losses and reimburse the victims of Hart's shady maneuvers as fast as they could be determined.

"Hart pulled off some of the crookedest deals I ever heard of," stated Mr. Lloyd, yesterday. "The company knew what he was up to before I left New York and had considered the advisability of calling him to account. They consulted me as to whether Hart had anything upon which they could recover, and as I had grave doubts if he had they decided to shoulder the burden let him clear out and forget about him."

"I understand that when he first became agent here of the Stoneham company that he was doing a remarkable business in a perfectly clean and legitimate manner. His trouble started when he began to buy stocks himself. He simply plunged and when they called on him for more margin, he cabled back to them to transfer someone else's perfectly good account to his own. They believed that he was doubling up with someone at this end at first, although they became suspicious later."

"The consequences were that he soon had cleaned out the accounts of a number of his patrons. His maneuvers were a good deal more extended than this, but so confused that it was impossible to straighten them out when I was in New York. I understand that he was agent for a lot of accounts that proved to be fictitious ones under dummy names."

"The Stoneham company notified me when I left that they expected to have these dummy accounts straightened out from those of the real victims by the time I returned to Honolulu. The company intends to reimburse the victims. I do not think that there is any possibility of having the man arrested."

There was a well defined rumor Tuesday that Hart had been arrested in Shanghai. The Advertiser enbled to the North China News in that city for information, and received a reply yesterday to the effect that he was not known to the American authorities there.

SEVENTEEN SHIPS SUNK BY DIVERS LAST WEEK

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 11.—During the week of April 8, seventeen British vessels over 1600 tons and two of less tonnage were sunk by submarines.

WILSON LINER SUNK IN THE WAR ZONE

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Wilson liner Raimo has been sunk in the war zone, with one American aboard, but it is reported that no casualties resulted.

BILLIONS TO BE GIVEN TO OVERPOWER PRUSSAINS

Greatest of All Appropriation Bills Favorably Reported By Committee and Probably Will Be Passed By Next Saturday

DIRECT TAXATION PLANNED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Three and One-Half Billions To Be Raised By Sale of Bonds and An Equal Amount By Imposition of Special Taxes

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Before next Saturday the house of representatives is expected to pass the greatest appropriation measure ever introduced in congress.

As favorably reported yesterday afternoon by the unanimous ways and means committee, the bill proposes to authorize credits in the huge sum of seven billion dollars, an amount greater by three-fourths than the entire national debt at the close of the Civil War, after four years of conflict.

Following the example of Great Britain, the administration plans to raise as much money as possible by direct and immediate taxation, financing the war on a cash basis, rather than by loans and bond issues exclusively, which would pass the burden on to later generations.

There is now general agreement that \$3,500,000,000 of war revenue shall be raised by the sale of bonds and an equal amount by special taxes. As outlined in the proposals that find most favor in congress, these taxes will be laid on incomes, rising in scale as the income rises; on all business profits in excess of an amount not yet stipulated, and particularly on those profits growing out of the war; on all inheritances, the rate of the tax again rising with the amount bequeathed; on distilled liquors, imported tobaccos and manufactured tobaccos of domestic growth; on theaters and other amusement resorts; on the sale of so called soft or temperance drinks, as well as intoxicating liquors; and on advertising.

This is a wide departure from the first forecasts of the bill, which, as then outlined, was to be a credit measure pure and simple, consisting of a five billion bond issue, supplemented by two billions of United States treasury certificates.

President Wilson, Speaker Clark and Representative Claude Kitchen, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, held a conference yesterday afternoon at which the President insisted that the principle of universal enrolment and selective draft, as embodied in the bill drawn up by the general staff, be given preference over any thought of depending on a volunteer army.

This bill provides that all men capable of bearing arms, or of any military duty, shall be registered and enrolled, and that those best fitted for immediate service be enlisted by selective draft. The first increment of this new army probably will consist of half a million men, to be followed by others, as organization is perfected to officer them, clothe, feed and supply them with arms.

Senator Sherman's resolution directing the President to call for a million volunteers was chloroformed painlessly yesterday in the upper chamber. It died without debate on a motion to table.